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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. Claims 19-23 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. By virtue of this amendment, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 24 have been amended for clarity. In particular, the claims have been amended to clarify punctuation and words intended for deletion. Thus, claims 1-18 and 24-31 are under consideration.

Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. Applicants reserve the right to file the subject matter of amended or cancelled claims in related applications.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 226272007801. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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